

REMARKS

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner states that Applicant's arguments are unpersuasive. Applicant argues that the Satoshi does not disclose or suggest the step of "moving the upper chamber unit and the upper stage to align the first and second substrates". But, the Examiner thinks that Satoshi discloses the step in paragraphs 16 and 23.

However, these paragraphs 16 and 23 of Satoshi fail to teach or suggest the feature of "moving the upper chamber unit and the upper stage to align the first and second substrates."

In the paragraph 16, the upper chamber 21 descends so that the flange of the upper chamber 21 contacts and is united in O-ring 44, thereby forming a vacuum chamber between the upper chamber 21 and the bottom chamber 10. Also, in the paragraph 23, the electrostatic fixing disc 28 holding upper substrate 1b descends so that the upper substrate 1b is contacted with the bottom substrate 1a.

As described in paragraph [0037], the XY theta stage T1 corresponding to the lower chamber and lower stage is moved to align the first and second substrates.

Applicants believe the foregoing arguments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.


If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37

C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 25, 2006

By 
George G. Ballas
Registration No. 52,587
McKENNA LONG & ALDRIDGE LLP
1900 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 496-7500
Attorneys for Applicant